

WASHINGTON (January 31, 2011) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today issued the following statement regarding the ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Roger Vinson in Pensacola, Florida that the individual mandate to purchase health insurance under the new federal health care law is unconstitutional. Bachus submitted an amicus brief in the case that supported the challenge to the law.

“All along, I have held that the mandate forcing individual Americans to buy health insurance is an intrusion into personal liberty and a violation of our constitutional principles. The ruling in Florida is another validation of the irreparable flaws contained in the legislation hastily passed by Congress last year. The Republican majority in the House has properly voted to repeal this bad law. It is already causing harm to consumers, small businesses, and our economy. The damage will get even worse unless we stop it and then work together on common sense reforms that address the issues in our health care system without having the government running everything and spending uncontrollably.”

To view the amicus brief, [click here](#).